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CERTIFICATION RENEWAL PILOT PROJECT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will this pilot project help improve student achievement?

Currently, certification renewal can be a cumbersome process for many educators across the state because they are required to gather and submit official transcripts of the professional development courses they have completed at a college/university or the local school district. Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna and the staff at the state Department of Education have been working in recent months to remove unnecessary barriers to teacher certification. The Certification Renewal Pilot Project is one way in which the Department is working to streamline the certification process so we can continue to attract and retain our quality educators in the classroom.

When does the Certification Renewal Pilot Project start?

The pilot project BEGAN on JULY 14, 2008. Individuals interested in participating must submit their renewal application by **August 31, 2008**.

How do teachers become a part of the pilot project?

The pilot project is open to all certificated personnel who are required to recertify in the Fall 2008. To take part, individuals should visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/TeacherCertification/default.asp> and read the Renewal Letter thoroughly. Then, you can download the application and submit it to the State Department of Education with your recertification fee. Please send your application to the attention of Clarice Lansbery, as indicated in the renewal letter.

When will this program be fully implemented?

The State Department of Education is piloting this streamlined certification renewal process in 2008. Upon a successful pilot, the Department will fully implement the program as of January 1, 2009.

Has this program been approved by the Professional Standards Commission?

The Professional Standards Commission approved the Certification Renewal Project.

Who will be audited during the pilot project?

The State Department of Education will randomly select a minimum of 10 percent of the certification renewal applications to audit during the pilot project.

What will the audit entail?

Upon receiving an audit request, certificated individuals will have 60 days from the date on the audit letter to submit proof of professional development credits in the form of in-service training through your district and/or official transcripts from an accredited university.

If you have any questions about the pilot project, please contact Clarice Lansbery in the Department's Teacher Certification office at (208) 332-6882 or CLansbery@sde.idaho.gov.